Policemen and Firemen—1915

Lafayette Reid Mercer, for more than twenty years a policeman in Steubenville, Ohio, was killed last July while arresting a drunken man. Mr. Mercer was one of the most efficient officers on the force and had kept his position during many changes of the city administration. One of the local newspapers said: "He combined intelligence with an utter lack of fear." White people of the highest character who desired special protection for women members of their family always put them in the care of Mr. Mercer.

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